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1. Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement

Special, 2006

Introduction

Founded in 1994, Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement (ACTED), is based in France. It was created to contribute to the eradication of poverty by actively supporting and helping vulnerable populations during periods of transition and upheaval. ACTED is active in 32 countries and implements over 380 projects a year reaching over 18 million beneficiaries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACTED's vision is to establish a link between emergency, rehabilitation, and development. In order to guarantee sustainability of interventions carried out during crises, ACTED engages in a long-term support to break the poverty cycle and aid populations on their way to development.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, ACTED established an office in Geneva, Switzerland, to ensure regular participation in United Nations meetings.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, ACTED participated in weekly Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) meetings, various cluster meetings, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and World Food Programme (WFP) annual partners' meetings, Consolidated Appeals Processes (CAPs), and Flash Appeal launches, among others. ACTED is a member of the Needs Assessment Task Force and actively participates in Multi-Cluster Initial and Rapid Assessment (MIRA) meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ACTED is implementing numerous United Nations agency-funded projects. United Nations funding for ACTED in 2013 amounted to 42 million USD. In 2010, ACTED and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and its Operational Satellite Applications Programme, UNOSAT, jointly set up REACH to facilitate the development of information tools and products that enhance the capacity of aid actors to make evidence-based decisions in emergency, recovery, and development contexts.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACTED focuses on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger as well as reducing child mortality. ACTED organizes the annual Convergences Worldforum in Paris, France. Convergences aims to build new alliances between public, private, and solidarity-based actors to promote the MDGs and alleviate poverty and privation, bringing together a network of over 200 partners from a variety of sectors.

2. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Special consultative status: 1998

Introduction

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme (AEDH) is an international solidarity NGO committed to the defence and promotion of fundamental rights. It supports projects in 30 countries of the South and East.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The AEDH mandate is to promote the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other enactments. AEDH promotes the growth and development of local associations or advocacy groups that act to defend and promote civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights and participate in democratic development. AEDH provides local associations with financial, material or technical support.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AEDH strives to interest its local partners in United Nations activities and encourages them to make greater use of legal instruments and international procedures for the protection of human rights. AEDH acts as a technical assistant to its field partners seeking advice on how to collaborate with United Nations bodies. AEDH serves as a relay between the United Nations and local associations, which tend to be small and are sometimes isolated and working in difficult environments.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AEDH does a periodic follow-up of the various sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. AEDH promotes the participation of representatives of its field partners in Human Rights Council sessions; it had them participate in the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st and 24th sessions of the Council and made an oral statement each year.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Close co-operation has been established with representatives of the human rights offices in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Mauritania. In March-April 2012, AEDH organized an "international advocacy mission" bringing together representatives of local organizations engaged in the defence of women's rights in Mauritania. It held meetings with officials of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the Special Rapporteur on human rights, and the Gender Unit of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the period covered by its report, AEDH did not develop any initiatives specifically related to the Millennium Development Goals, but did accord particular importance to the achievement of Goal 3. It took a particular interest in the promotion of women's rights in Mauritania and in legal assistance to women victims of sexual violence in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo through the multi-year action programmes implemented.

3. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

Special, 2006

Introduction

Founded in Jordan in 1999, the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS) is an independent, regional, scientific advocacy centre for research and training on issues pertaining to human rights and democracy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACHRS aims to strengthen civil society in Jordan and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The main objectives are to educate the Arab public to their legal, political and civil rights; review local laws and legislation to ensure compatibility with international principles and standards; expand and develop institutional and organizational capacities; and establish and empower human rights networks at the local, regional, and international level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACHRS has organized conferences, seminars, discussion groups, and lectures and has published books, periodicals and articles on human rights issues. In October 2013, ACHRS and other Jordanian human rights organizations submitted the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Jordan. ACHRS has also helped numerous Iraqi NGO networks prepare and submit their UPR report. In February 2010, ACHRS, in cooperation with the United Nations Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), held a briefing session on the UPR in Amman, Jordan, for Republic of Iraq Government officials.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACHRS attended every session of the Human Rights Council during the reporting period and several sessions of the UPR. ACHRS also participated in the 100th Session of the Human Rights Committee.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the week of the 7th UPR Session in February 2010, ACHRS organized a meeting with Iraqi NGOs and the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees

(UNHCR), as well as a meeting with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACHRS established the Jordanian Institute's Program For Women Leaders (ProJoWLe) in cooperation with Foundation for the Future and Finn Church Aid. The project provides training to build participants' skills for participation in elections as candidates or as campaigners for other women and pro-women's rights candidates. The programme was carried out in Jordan and Libya. During the reporting period, ACHRS conducted awareness-raising campaigns including 74 training programmes and workshops, with over 1,360 participants, focused on the MDGs and various international human rights agreements.

4. Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network (AITPN) was created to promote and protect the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples in Asia. AITPN's headquarters are in New Delhi, India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AITPN aims to provide accurate and timely information to national human rights institutions, the United Nations and its specialised mechanisms; conduct research, campaign and lobby on country situations or individual cases; lead trainings for indigenous peoples' rights activists and community leaders; provide input into international standard-setting processes on the rights of indigenous peoples; and undertake programmes to secure the economic, social and cultural rights of indigenous peoples through rights-based approaches to development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AITPN submitted a stakeholder's report to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on India in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AITPN contributed to the debate in all Human Rights Council sessions during the reporting period. AITPN also contributed to the work of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) during the 9th-13th sessions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AITPN submitted its comments and contributions to various studies undertaken by the United Nations Human Rights mechanisms on the rights of

indigenous peoples. AITPN further contributed to the preparation of "The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: A Manual for National Human Rights Institutions" published by the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, August 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AITPN has been monitoring the inclusion of indigenous peoples in various government programmes to achieve the MDGs. AITPN's interventions with the National Human Rights Commission of India led to realisation of the right to food of the primitive tribal groups in Tripura State of India and implementation of the Forest Rights Act of India. AITPN has been ensuring implementation of the right to education programmes for tribes in India.

5. Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies (AIWCS) is an international organization covering the Balkan countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Inspired by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), AIWCS aspires to disseminate the ideals of the culture of peace throughout the Balkan region, with a focus on the family, child protection, and advancement of women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, AIWCS, with UNESCO and the UNESCO Centre for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries organized and participated in the following activities:

- International Youth Creative Summer Camp, August 2011 and 2012, Halkidiki, Greece;
- Regional Training Seminar titled "Gender Equality and the Media", 27 November - 4 December 2011, Thessaloniki, Greece;
- "Women's Empowerment towards Equality" Conference, organized by the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, 7 April 2012, Nicosia, Cyprus; and
- International Conference IV: YOUTH and MUSEums, 27 June-1 July 2012, Golesti, Romania.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIWCS participated in meetings convened in collaboration with UNESCO, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and United Nations World Tourism Organization.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The AIWCS, in partnership with UNESCO Centre for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries and the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO, organized the following activities:

- “National History Museums in South-East Europe: Learning History, building shared memories” Conference, 18-19 October 2010, Thessaloniki, Greece; and
- First Symposium of UNESCO’s Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) — Prefecture of Macedonia — Thrace, 28 November 2013, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization led a two-year action programme titled “Action for Social Medicine and Activities for Promoting the Role of Women in the Business and Work Sector”, funded by the General Secretariat for Gender Equality in Greece, as well as a 18-month action programme titled “Deliver Pre-school Alternative Services” financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

6. Biopolitics International Organisation

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Biopolitics International Organisation (BIO) is an environmental NGO founded in Athens, Greece, in 1985 with members in 165 countries. BIO promotes global environmental sustainability and contributes to international environmental awareness and education and the MDGs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to promote the environment as a vehicle for peace; ensure an economic and technological development that support the environment; promote a new vision for climate change adaptation and sustainable development; and establish a World Referendum for the support of life on our planet.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, BIO signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Vienna Economic Forum. Additionally, 20 additional countries joined the BIO network since 2009.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In contribution to the work of the United Nations, BIO:

- hosted a roundtable on water cooperation at the Athens Money Show, 21 December 2012;
- sponsored a conference on Contemporary Water Realities, Athens, 15 November 2012;
- led E-learning courses on climate change, action for sustainable energy, safeguarding the world's forests, food and agriculture, sustainable urban planning, and MDGs;
- delivered a speech at the International Women's Day 2012 Conference, Athens, 8 March 2012; and
- organized a conference on "Greener Europe — Greener World? Preparing for the 2012 Rio Summit on Sustainable Development", Brussels, Belgium, 23 March 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

BIO participated in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme's (UN-Habitat) 6th World Urban Forum, Naples, Italy, 2012. It also assisted a lecture by Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, Athens, 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs becomes executive member of BIO. Additionally, BIO is Honorary President for Life of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The following BIO initiatives support MDGs 1, 7 and 8:

- E-learning programme on Environmental Education for Sustainable Development, Turkey, 2010;
- International Conference of the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan on Transboundary Environmental Problems of Central Asia, 2010;
- Lectures at the School of Young Leaders; and
- Memorandum of cooperation between BIO and the Institute of African Research Studies at Cairo University, 2012.

7. Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement

Special consultative status: 2010

Introduction

The Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement durable (CAALD) is an organization for participatory development, whose goal is to promote integrated participatory development among indigenous peoples.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are to promote economic, social and cultural development initiatives by the Pygmies and local populations; to promote advocacy and lobbying by the Baka with respect to development actions; and to derive added value from forest products and Pygmy folklore.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the 2010-2013 period, CAALD kept up its facilitation and support actions on behalf of country-dwellers in economic and social matters and in the fields of health, education, culture, the environment and human rights, and continued its efforts to give effect to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in the meetings of the following United Nations agencies and submits projects to them: the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the International Labour Office (ILO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010, CAALD cooperated with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to maintain and rehabilitate drinking water wells. In 2011, the CAALD submitted a concept note in support of citizenship to the United Nations Democracy Fund. In 2012, the CAALD provided support for the empowerment of women's organizations to ensure the social protection of girls and women affected by forms of violence in Messamena, Cameroon, in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Initiatives have been undertaken in many areas related to the Millennium Development Goals.

8. China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation

Special, 2006

Introduction

China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation (CAISTC) serves as an international platform for science and technology communities to enhance friendly exchanges and cooperation. CAISTC's main clients are government agencies, NGOs, and science-based enterprises in China.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAISTC is a NGO that conducts research on international science and technology cooperation policies of specific countries and prepares policy proposals for competent authorities; organizes cooperation activities, training courses; and provides a platform and advisory services for Chinese enterprises, research institutions, and their foreign partners to develop and expand collaborations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CAISTC co-organized the biennial International Symposium on Integrated Sustainable Development in Mountain Areas, Lin'an, China, 21-24 September 2010 and 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CAISTC presented a submission on the global development agenda for the 2013 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment stating that global development partnership based on equality and mutual benefits is key for realising the MDGs and suggesting a change in the existing international institutions to push forward the post-2015 development agenda, April 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CAISTC has taken part in the organization of many activities for developing countries on a variety of topics such as agriculture, energy, environment protection, and medicine. CAISTC co-organized with Feng-tai International Business Incubator (IBI) annual international training workshops, using trainees recruited from developing countries. CAISTC also attended and addressed the Chinese IBI network annual meetings, including the 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Incubation Meeting to co-launch the APEC Co-incubation Network in Xi'an, China.

Since 2010, CAISTC has participated in an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) project on Governance of International Cooperation on Science, Technology and Industry for Global Challenges (STIG). The project aims to address global economic and social challenges and identifies international cooperation, science, technology and innovation as essential means to resolve the problems effectively.

9. China Education Association for International Exchange

Special, 2006

Introduction

Founded in 1981 with its headquarters in Beijing, China, the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) conducts international education exchanges.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CEAIE delivers programmes and services to address educational development in China.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, CEAIE became a member of the United Nations Academic Impact initiative. In 2012, the President of CEAIE was elected as the President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted the following documents during the reporting period, as a contribution to the work of the United Nations:

- Report on Safeguarding the Rights of Disadvantaged Groups to Education in China to the Human Rights Council, February 2013;
- Report on Bilingual Education in Ethnic Minority Areas to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, June 2013; and
- 2012 Department of Public Information (DPI) Annual Review of its activities, 16 January 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CEAIE attended the following meetings during the reporting period:

- 63rd and 64th DPI/NGO Annual Conference, Australia, 30 August-1 September 2010 and Germany, 3-5 September 2011, respectively;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), 20-22 June 2012; CEAIE delivered a speech on the "Importance of an Informal Mechanism beyond Rio — A Commitment from China's Civil Society", highlighting the importance of including civil society and the private sector in policy dialogues, programme design, and interventions pertaining to sustainable development;

- United Nations Academic Impact Conference: 1-2 September 2010, Shanghai, China; and
- Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector; CEAIE presented a report on "MDGs in China: Goal Met, Progress Making", New York, 14-15 June 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CEAIE actively participated in seminars, forums, exhibitions, and other activities organized by Chinese NGOs, such as United Nations Association of China and China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE). During the International Mother Language Day in 2010, 2011, and 2012, the organization advocated for culture and linguistic diversity and disseminating international norms and practices in mother language education in China.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2000, CEAIE has organized the China Annual Conference for International Education, a leading platform for idea and policy consultation on education. It also conducted teacher trainings for under-developed regions of China; students and teachers exchanges; and the Higher Education Leadership Program.

10. Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance

Special, 2010

Introduction

Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance Cameroon (CDVTA) is Cameroon's leading care and support organization for older people. CDVTA works in over 300 remote disadvantaged communities of Cameroon, with headquarters in the North West region of Bamenda, Cameroun.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CDVTA advocates for rights, friendly communities, positive ageing, social inclusion, welfare, and improved livelihoods for the elderly.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2010, CDVTA has become affiliated the International Federation on Ageing (IFA) and the Commonwealth Association for the Ageing (CommonAge). CDVTA is also a member of the African Society for Ageing Research and Development (ASARD).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CDVTA undertook a project on "Realizing rights and improving livelihoods of the elderly in rural communities". In May 2010, CDVTA took part in the Expert Meeting on the Rights of Older Persons organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). In July 2010, CDVTA joined the United Nations in Cameroon in endorsing a national policy on ageing for Cameroon.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CDVTA collaborated with OHCHR in Cameroon and the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa on several events in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CDVTA has improved the capacity of over 20,000 elderly to meet their survival needs through increased income from organic farming and gardening, petty trading, bee-keeping, goat rearing, and light production. 27 schools have received new classrooms, toilets and benches, as part of an education promotion initiative. 259 volunteers carry out regular home visits and sensitisation on HIV/AIDS in the communities. Participation of the elderly in democratic processes and governance has improved markedly, providing them with national identification cards, organizing elderly conventions, and rights-advocacy events.

11. Conectas Direitos Humanos

Special, 2006

Introduction

Conectas Direitos Humanos (Conectas) was founded in 2001 in Brazil to promote respect for human rights and contribute to the consolidation of the rule of law in the Global South.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Conectas works for a more just world, where human rights are respected and national institutions and the international order are more transparent, effective, and democratic.

Significant changes in the organization

Conectas established a permanent presence in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2010; received new and increased institutional funding; and expanded its international and domestic programmes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Conectas has contributed to developing international human rights standards and increased its engagement with Member States. The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations through information/research, capacity-building and advocacy initiatives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, Conectas attended the following meetings:

- all Human Rights Council sessions; it convened side events; delivered statements; issued Urgent Appeals to Special Procedures; and contributed to Universal Periodic Reviews (UPRs);
- all sessions of the Forum on Business and Human Rights;
- consultations led by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the Treaty Body strengthening process in 2011;
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime meetings in Vienna, Austria, 2012, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2013: Conectas took part in the process to reform the Standard Minimum Rules for Treatment of Prisoners by submitting a written contribution; and
- the annual General Assembly dialogue on Responsibility to Protect, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Connects co-organized a Regional Consultation for the Special Rapporteur on Torture, Chile, 2011. It contributed to the preparatory visit of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture in 2011. Additionally, it encouraged Brazil to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty and the United Nations Convention on Migrant Workers.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2010, Conectas published an issue of Sur Journal on the MDGs. During the reporting period, Conectas worked toward MDGs 5 and 6 by contributing to increase access to medicines, especially those to combat HIV/AIDS, and improving the detention conditions for women, with a special focus on pregnant inmates.

12. Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

Special, 1970

Introduction

Founded in 1948, under the aegis of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) is a coordinating body for international voluntary service (IVS) organizations. It counts over 180 member associations in more than 80 countries, including two international networks and several regional structures and platforms. CCIVS is based at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of CCIVS are to promote and develop the voluntary service movement on the national, regional and international levels; provide effective coordination of the activities of CCIVS members; facilitate discussion and reflection on the aims of international voluntary service and its impact on the volunteers, the community and the world; encourage good relations and cooperation

with other voluntary service organizations, other NGOs, and with youth and student organizations that share similar objectives; and cooperate and contribute to the implementation of programmes and initiatives of the United Nations, particularly UNESCO.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization was restructured in 2011 after the creation of the White Paper for International Voluntary Service, which set out the vision of the IVS movement for 2011-2021 and redefined the thematic areas of action of CCIVS.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CCIVS is a general coordinator of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) initiative in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre, 2008-2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CCIVS is part of the Post 2015 Volunteer Working Group aimed at scaling-up efforts to make the impact of volunteering more visible in the post-2015 process.

13. Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers

Special, 2010

Introduction

Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association of River Keepers (Eco-TIRAS) is a NGO promoting environmental conservation in the transboundary region shared by Moldova and Ukraine. It is currently composed of 51 environmental NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Eco-TIRAS works to improve the environment in the Dniester River Basin and conserve and use wisely its natural resources by implementing sustainable development principles in river basin management.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Eco-TIRAS was involved in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's (UNECE) climate change adaptation project and helped in its strategy development. Currently Eco-TIRAS is engaged in sustained lobbying for the ratification of the trans-boundary Dniester Treaty that was signed by Moldova and Ukraine in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Eco-TIRAS participated in five UNECE Aarhus Convention Working Group meetings; Aarhus Meeting of the Parties (MOP) in 2011; and in the MOP of UNECE Water Convention in Rome, Italy, 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Eco-TIRAS closely cooperates with UNECE in Geneva, Switzerland.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Eco-TIRAS undertook a project on the implementation of UNECE Water and Health Protocol for Moldova. It supported the establishment of target dates within the framework of the Protocol. The organization published a monograph on Adaptation of transboundary Dniester River basin to climate change.

14. Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (EOHR) was founded in 1985, with its headquarters in Cairo, Egypt. It has a national membership of 2,300 and has 17 provincial branches located throughout Egypt.

Aims and purposes of the organization

EOHR adopts peaceful methods to promote and defend human rights. It acts against both governmental and non-governmental human rights violations and works under the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EOHR sends fact-finding missions, including to prisons, to collect testimonies and document human rights violations. It issues urgent appeals, press releases, reports, and publications on human rights violations. It promotes human rights awareness among individuals and groups through publications, conferences, seminars and studies. It cooperates with Egyptian governmental and non-governmental bodies and institutions, as well as international, regional, and national organizations to take action to respect and enhance human rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

EOHR sent a complaint to the Committee against Torture (CAT) about cases of torture in Egypt in 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

15. Engender

Special, 1998

Introduction

Engender is a feminist NGO based in Scotland that works to advance women's economic, social, cultural, and political equality with men.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Engender works to advance the awareness of the general public, public bodies, and private sector of the relative position of women and men in Scotland and the obligations and opportunities in national and international human rights instruments; promote the equality of women and men across Scotland; promote women's participation in decision making and public life; and generate better understanding of, and response to, poverty among women and their families, and of men's violence against women.

Significant changes in the organization

Engender's constitution has been amended.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Engender was engaged with:

- the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), including developing and submitting statements, raising awareness of the Beijing Platform for Action, and campaigning for its full implementation;
- the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Committee's examination of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, including engaging with the Rapporteur and developing a short film to explain CEDAW to women and policymakers entitled "CEDAW: the Superhero You've Never Heard Of"; and
- the annual General Assembly dialogue on the Responsibility to Protect, at the United Nations General Assembly, 2013; and
- the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) by submitting a shadow report.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Engender attended the following meetings:

- 55th, 56th, and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2010, 2012, and 2013;
- Universal Periodic Review (UPR) pre-hearing NGO session, and delivered a statement, Geneva, Switzerland, 2 May 2012;
- CEDAW pre-session working group and delivered a statement, Geneva, October 2012; and
- CEDAW examination of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and met with Committee members on 16 July 2013, delivered a statement on 17 July, and met with the Rapporteur on 17 July in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Engender's film on the CEDAW was screened in New York in July 2012 at a reception to mark the 30th anniversary of CEDAW.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of Engender's work aligns with MDG 3.

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1. International Lesbian and Gay Federation Europe

Special, 2006

Introduction

The European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA-Europe) is an international NGO umbrella organization bringing together 422 organizations from 45 European countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ILGA-Europe's mission is to act as a European voice for the rights of those who face discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression and intersex status; achieve full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people; and empower LGBTI organizations and their allies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ILGA-Europe has submitted shadow reports to the Human Rights Council (HRC) in relation to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). The following reports have been submitted during the reporting period, among others:

- Joint submission by ILGA-Europe and Association Mozaika for the UPR of Latvia; 11th Session, 2011;
- Joint submission by ILGA-Europe and Lithuanian Gay League (LGL) for the UPR of Lithuania, 12th Session, 2011;
- Joint submission by ILGA-Europe and SETA, Trasek and Sateenkaariperhee for the UPR of Finland, 13th Session, 2012;
- Joint submission by ILGA-Europe and PROUD for the UPR of the Czech Republic, 14th Session, 2012;
- Joint submission by ILGA-Europe and NGO Juventas for the UPR of Montenegro, 15th Session, 2013; and
- Joint submission by ILGA-Europe and Labris and Gayten-LGBT for the UPR of Serbia, 15th Session, 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ILGA-Europe participated in the following meetings of the HRC in Geneva, Switzerland:

- 13th, 17th, 18th and 23rd sessions of the HRC. During these meetings, ILGA-Europe contributed through statements on several UPR Reports and the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;
- 13th Session of the UPR Working Group, May-June 2012; and

- 9th Advisory Committee Session in August 2012. ILGA-Europe contributed through an oral statement on the draft study on "traditional values".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ILGA-Europe commemorates World AIDS Day annually by issuing a public statement that is disseminated to public institutions and civil society organizations, towards MDG 6.

2. European Space Policy Institute

Special, 2010

Introduction

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is an association based in Vienna, Austria. Its Certificate of Foundation was signed in November 2003 by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG). Its statutes were signed in September 2005.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The European Space Policy Institute provides decision-makers with an informed view on mid- to long-term issues relevant to Europe's space activities. In this context, ESPI acts as an independent platform for developing positions and strategies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On 29 March 2013, ESPI delivered a presentation examining the potential consequences of incidents in space at a seminar hosted by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) on the Role of Norms of Behaviour in African Outer Space Activities held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Issue 67 of the ESPI Perspective series, which was published 26 August 2013, examines the possibility of extracting general principles of law from the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) Legal Subcommittee's work with National Legislation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ESPI has participated in all sessions of COPUOS of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ESPI has hosted two annual evening events on space in close cooperation with UNOOSA during the reporting period.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. European Union of Women**Special, 2002****Introduction**

The European Union of Women (EUW) is a non-governmental European organization with 17 national sections. Together with the Group of Women of the European Peoples Party, EUW forms the European Women's Associations (EWA). Its task is to formalize contacts between EUW women and Members of the European Parliament and to safeguard mutual support and the exchange of information on common issues and policies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

EUW aims to protect human dignity and freedom and maintain the cultural heritage of Europe as well as its social and economic progress. EUW and its Commissions develop ideas to work within political contexts and find solutions for political and social problems.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EUW regularly discusses the results of the United Nations working groups and spreads them within the network of women in the 17 national sections and commissions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

EUW attends the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) every year. It also attends meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, and Vienna, Austria, related to development, cultural exchange, statutes and protection of women and children, NGO working processes and the debates on freedom and democracy in the world.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Due to difficulties in resuming consultative status, EUW's cooperation has been limited and only increased after 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The EUW Commission on Migrants, Refugees and Demography published a report on the integration of young migrants. The EUW Commission on Health and Social Welfare published a report on the integration of social and health care affecting maternal health, towards MDG 4. The EUW Commission on environment, local government and regional planning published a report on water management, towards MDG 7.

4. Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Center for Peruvian Women Flora Tristan (Flora Tristan) is a feminist organization with over three decades of working experience in the defence and promotion of women's human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Flora Tristan's vision is a strengthened democratic society without discrimination or exclusion of any kind, where women can fully exercise their rights. Therefore, Flora Tristan works to combat the structural causes that restrict democracy, the exercise of rights, and women's citizenship through four programmes: Women's human rights; Sexual rights, reproductive rights and public health; Political participation and decentralization; and Rural development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Throughout its work, Flora Tristan has closely followed and incorporated the campaign raised by the United Nations Secretary-General "Unite to End Violence against Violence", into several actions on 25 November 2013, the day of non-violence against women. In 2012, Flora Tristan coordinated a participatory process on the combined Sixth and Seventh Alternative Report of the Committee of the Convention against all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Flora Tristan monitored the implementation of the recommendations of the CEDAW Committee by the Peruvian State. Flora Tristan has significantly contributed to the Alternative Report of Peruvian civil society on the implementation of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in 2013 and has, among other things, advocated for the ratification of Domestic Workers Convention No.189.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Flora Tristan participated, among others, in the following meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;

- First meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, 12-13 August 2013;
- XII Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Santo Domingo, 15-18 October 2013;
- 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 4-15 March 2013.

During these meetings, Flora Tristan contributed through statements, reflections and advocacy.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Flora Tristan has cooperated with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on diverse topics such as interventions with municipalities to help to achieve cities free of violence; the promotion of a comprehensive response to HIV, including prevention and response to violence against women; and the organization of a dialogue on diversity with feminisms in Andean countries, heading XIII Feminist Encuentro. Moreover, Flora Tristan has cooperated with UN-Women concerning the dissemination of research on access to justice and impact of specialized police stations as well as coordinated actions with civil society to demand a comprehensive response to violence against women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of MDG 3, the organization contributed to promoting equity and empowerment of women and strengthening the awareness of rights, by developing training activities with urban and rural populations and with indigenous peoples. It has also advocated for policy change in favour of gender equality.

5. Fundación UNITRAN

Special, 2010

Introduction

Fundación UNITRAN (UNITRAN) develops activities for the education of road-users in cooperation with national and international organizations to achieve safe and sustainable mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNITRAN advocates for reduced traffic accidents by supporting and implementing programmes and plans on awareness-raising and conducting research on prevention and road safety.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNITRAN has contributed to the work of the United Nations through a multitude of awareness-raising events on road safety in different countries. UNITRAN has participated in and spoken at several public events, such as the first parliamentary forum on road safety in 2011 in Montevideo, Uruguay, or the Ibero-American Meeting on Road Safety in Mexico City, Mexico. In cooperation with governments, UNITRAN has established Centres for the Promotion of Road Safety and conducted training sessions for children and adults. In August 2013, UNITRAN co-organized the first Conference about Road Accidents in Uruguay, which was based on the five pillars of the United Nations' Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. The final document was presented to the President of Uruguay.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNITRAN has organized several conferences and trainings in cooperation with the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and the Uruguayan National Road Safety Unit (UNASEV) within the framework of the United Nations Decade on Road Safety. One of them consisted of seven days of preventive behaviour and mock traffic accidents in October 2010 in Montevideo. Moreover, UNITRAN has served as observer of the PAHO Technical Cooperation between the cities of Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Moreover, UNITRAN has signed partnership agreements with PAHO/WHO on a programme to promote Road Safety as well as with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Global Alliance for Women's Health

Special, 1998

Introduction

Since its founding in 1994, the Global Alliance for Women's Health (GAWH) is committed to advancing women's health in all stages of life and at all policy levels through health promotion, education, advocacy, and programme implementation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GAWH both promotes and implements women's health-care research and service improvements at local, national, and international levels by collaborating with governmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector, academics, and individual citizens from all regions of the world. A cornerstone of GAWH's work has been to develop public/private partnerships that advance an understanding of all aspects of women's health throughout the life cycle and to

articulate these implications for public policy and development at the international and country levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

After initiating two caucuses in 2009, GAWH continued to serve as the Bureau in 2010 and 2011 for the Council on Gender Based Health and the Friends of the United Nations Diabetes Resolution. Five meetings were held over a period of 18 months that were successful in facilitating and expediting the decision to hold the High-level Meeting on Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in New York, 19-20 September 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GAWH representatives attended the following meetings in New York:

- Preparatory discussions for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), 14-16 February 2012;
- Launch of the World Health Organization (WHO) Quality Rights Project, 28 June 2012;
- 3rd Session of the Opening-ended Working Group on Ageing, 21-24 August 2012; High-level Meeting of the 68th Session of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, 23 September 2013; and
- Sixth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, 7-8 October 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In cooperation with United Nations bodies and through public/private partnerships, GAWH sponsored and organized the following symposia:

- "Women and Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB)" on the occasion of the 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 1 March 2011;
- "Anemia and Women's Health: a critical but under attended public health issue" on the occasion of the United Nations High-level Meeting on NCDs, 20 September 2011; and
- "Women, Girls and Smoking: the need for gender specific tobacco control during the High-level Meeting on NCDs", 19 September 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook many activities towards MDG 3. In particular, in 2013, GAWH began preparations for a parallel event on anaemia and postpartum haemorrhage to be presented at CSW in 2014.

7. Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments (GAATES) is the leading international organization dedicated to the promotion of accessibility of the built and virtual environments. It was incorporated as a NGO in Canada in 2007 and has an international presence in 6 regions: the Asia-Pacific, Arab, North American, South American, European, and African Regions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GAATES works to improve access for the estimated one billion people with disabilities around the world, with respect to accessibility of the built environment, transportation and related facilities; information and communications technologies (ICTs); and inclusion in policies and standard operating procedures related to early warning and response and Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GAATES coordinated a Consultation on the High-level Meeting on Disability and Development organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 2012. GAATES and DESA also co-hosted a consultative meeting about States Parties Reports on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Riyadh. The organization is working with Asia Disaster Preparedness Centre on "A Planning Guide for Early Warning Systems and Emergency Management Agencies, Government Departments and NGO's on DiDRR"; and with the Asian Broadcasting Union on Guidelines on Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GAATES has hosted side events at the Conferences of States Parties (COSP) to the CRPD in 2011 and 2013. GAATES also participated in a roundtable on accessibility as part of the sustainable development agenda during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), June 2012. It presented at a panel on accessibility and use of ICTs in DiDRR of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GAATES has a working relationship with a number of international organizations, including among others, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), DESA, CRPD's Secretariat, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and UNESCAP. Among other activities, GAATES developed drafts for UNESCO and DESA on the topic of accessibility for persons with disabilities, one of which was used as a background paper at a CRPD Experts meeting held at the World Bank. GAATES has delivered two projects on

DiDRR funded by the UNESCAP Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GAATES has developed technical guidelines and supporting implementation materials and undertook capacity-building activities for stakeholders for the inclusive achievement of the goals.

8. Global Witness

Special, 2010

Introduction

Global Witness investigates and campaigns to prevent natural resource-related conflict and corruption and associated environmental and human rights abuses.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Global Witness' ten campaign teams undertake investigations, write reports, and lead advocacy work to increase transparency, improve practices, and hold governments and companies accountable for their activities in order to create an environment which fosters development and civil society engagement. Global Witness currently works to end corruption and increase transparency in the oil, gas and mining sectors; combat the trade in conflict diamonds; reform natural resource governance in the Democratic Republic of Congo; and end illegal and unsustainable logging and trade.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Global Witness supports the work of United Nations Economic and Social Council by contributing to its research, analysis, and policy recommendations on matters pertaining to the economic and social dimensions of natural resource management. Global Witness has repeatedly advised Security Council members, sanctions support staff, and United Nations expert panels on the imposition, implementation, and monitoring of sanctions, in the case of Liberia for example.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Global Witness met with representatives of the United Nations Security Council in 2011 and 2012 to discuss United Nations resolutions in Congo.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Among others, Global Witness took part in the International Community Transparency and Accountability Working Group (ICTAWG) of the United Nations in Afghanistan. The organization provided input to several United Nations Security Council Resolutions (S/RES/1952 and S/RES/2127) and was involved in the

formulation of several United Nations guidelines and principles with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Global Witness also consulted extensively with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) on corruption and extractive industries.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The recent Addis Ababa Conference on financing for development recognized the importance of a number of areas that Global Witness works on, including the need to curb corruption, develop good governance in the extractives sector, and reduce illicit financial flows.

9. Groupe pivot: Droit et Citoyenneté des femmes

Special consultative status: 2006

Introduction

Groupe pivot: Droit et Citoyenneté des femmes (GP/DCF) formalizes a coalition of 8 associations and NGOs (stakeholder members), three government departments and the Coordination des Associations et ONG féminines du Mali (consultative members), all of whom have rallied to the project "Women's Rights and Citizenship in French-speaking Africa".

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the group is to help increase respect for women's rights and women's participation in government and to support women in asserting their rights and fully exercising their citizenship. To achieve that goal, GP/DCF works to establish and consolidate networks by building on objectives/actions for the promotion, protection and defence of women's rights and citizenship.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GP/DCF worked on Security Council Resolution 1325 on women and peace and security (S/RES/1325), arising out of the 2012 political and security crisis in Mali. GP/DCF collaborated with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) on the awarding of a transition management grant to GP/DCF. The project was entitled "Support for the Participation of Women in the Political Transition Process in Mali".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in the annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GP/DCF has been able to conduct very meaningful actions on behalf of women through public peace conferences in Mali in collaboration with the Network

on Security and Peace for Women in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Region and with the support of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GP/DCF carried out the following projects aimed at achieving Millennium Development Goal 3:

- An awareness and information campaign on access to justice, respect for and protection of women's human rights in places of detention in the region of Ségou, Mali;
- Legal and psychological assistance and support for victims of gender-based violence; and
- An awareness and mobilization campaign for 10 parastatal groups and professional associations from February to June 2010 and August 2010 to November 2011, seeking enactment of the National Gender Policy of Mali.

10. Guild of Service

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Guild of Service (Guild) was established four decades ago with the mandate of empowering marginalized women and children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Guild aims at empowering women, widows, the elderly, and children and achieving social and gender justice through mobilizing public opinion; tackling social problems; and collaborating with key stakeholders.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Guild has contributed to the work of the United Nations through several community-based projects for the improvement of hygiene, peace, and social justice in Northern India. Moreover, Guild contributes extensively to the report on implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Guild participates in every session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and every meeting of the Beijing Review. Additionally, Guild participated in the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Second Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing convened by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, 10-12 September 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Guild works in close collaboration, among others, with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and United Nations Information Centres (UNIC). Guild is a member of the National Alliance of Women's Organizations, which spearheads all reviews of the implementation of United Nations Resolutions in India. Guild drafted a Resolution on Widows, presented to the Under-Secretary-General of UN-Women, Ms Michelle Bachelet, which was supported by more than 80 organizations across the world. On 9 December 2011, Guild submitted a final report with the project titled: "Enhancing Social Security for Excluded Single Women (Widows) in India", which was partnered by UN-Women India. With the support of UN-Women, Guild organized workshops to improve the status of widows in Lucknow and New Delhi, India, as well as the National Consultation on Widows, in New Delhi on 3 April 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Guild advocates for the rights of marginalized women towards MDG 3. Projects include shelter homes for destitute women and conflict affected women and children in Kashmir, RahatGhar and Srinagar, India, where women receive trainings. Guild provides non-formal education for children in Kashmir and Najafgarh, India, and for marginalized children of Vrindavan, India, towards MDG 2.

11. Hope for the Nations**Special, 2002****Introduction**

Hope for the Nations (HOPE) is a NGO based in British Columbia, Canada, focused on helping children at risk around the world. It works in over 27 countries through partnerships with national organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HOPE empowers children at risk to become children of change by partnering with local organizations working within a wide variety of cultural contexts. HOPE provides the basic necessities of love, health care, education, a healthy community and self-sufficiency.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HOPE is the coordinating NGO for the Canadian Informal Regional Network (IRENE) under the Economic and Social Council and a member of the Association UN-ONG-IRENE. Each year, HOPE is a major contributor to the event called Global Citizen Kelowna which is a week of various events focused on the MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

HOPE collaborates with United Nations bodies through the UN-NGO-IRENE network.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2010, HOPE started a new project in a remote area of the Himalayas, focused on gender equality issues as a direct reflection of the High-level segment topic for 2010 concerning Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, towards MDG 3.

12 Human Rights Commission of Pakistan**Special, 2010****Introduction**

The Human Right Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) was established in 1987 and takes a leading role in providing a voice for the provision of human rights for all and democratic development in Pakistan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HRCP aims at the ratification and implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of other related Charters, Covenants, Protocols, Resolutions, Recommendations and internationally adopted norms by Pakistan. It works to monitor human rights violations and seeks redress through public campaigns, lobbying and intervention in courts, the organization of seminars, workshops and fact finding missions. HRCP cooperates with national and international groups, organizations, and individuals engaged in the promotion of human rights to take appropriate action to prevent violations of human rights and provide legal aid and expertise to victims of those violations and to individuals and groups striving to protect human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

HRCP has contributed to the work of the United Nations by promoting human rights through workshops, fact-finding missions, and public meetings and demonstrations. HRCP has translated important United Nations conventions and treaties into local languages, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Slavery Convention, among others, and disseminated them country-wide.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

HRCP attended a meeting with Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, Jakarta, Indonesia, 14-15 July 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

HRCP has cooperated with the United Nations Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances in Indonesia in 2011 and Pakistan in 2012 and has submitted individual complaints of enforced and involuntary disappearances. In collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), HRCP implemented a project to document child rights violations in Pakistan and uploaded the data in a web portal in 2011-2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HRCP held two consultations on Pakistan's present and future development goals, discussing Pakistan's progress in fulfilling the MDGs and developing a vision for the SDGs and post 2015.

13. International Council of Psychologists

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International Council of Psychologists (ICP) is committed to promoting peace, human rights and collaboration among mental health professionals and social scientists globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of ICP is to advance the science and practice of psychology and support the use of psychological knowledge to promote social health and justice; contribute to world peace and human rights for all peoples by helping to empower underrepresented ethnic and culturally diverse groups; promote and integrate health and mental health services globally; and foster international professional development, networking, communication, mentoring and friendship among psychologists, social scientists and allied mental health professionals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed financial support to United Nations projects and committees. It funded, planned and assisted Annual Psychology Day annually at the United Nations in New York during the reporting period. In addition, quarterly articles about the work of the United Nations were included in the organizational newsletter "International Psychologist", which is sent to more than 600 professionals worldwide. ICP also presents a symposium of the work of the United Nations committees at the International Council of Psychologists' convention annually.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICP chaired and co-chaired the Executive NGO Committees on Ageing (NGOCOA), Mental Health and the Family. In addition, it participated in the following meetings:

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- Committee of the Family, Vienna, Austria
- Conference on Disarmament by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs;
- Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and
- World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICP was involved in a two-year programme of advocacy in conjunction with the 18th and 19th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) on behalf of older persons and NGOCOA. In the course of this campaign, ICP produced a position paper on "Older Persons and Transportation" sponsored by thirteen NGOs. In the final draft document of CSD19, older persons were recognized as a specific group in civil society.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization continued to promote education and communication as a means to support MDG 2. The organization hosts an annual international conference to provide a forum for discussions by young and experienced scientists regarding challenges encountered in their respective regions of the world.

14. IPAS

Special, 1998

Introduction

Founded in 1973, IPAS is a NGO working globally to increase women's ability to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights and reduce abortion-related deaths and injuries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPAS believes that every woman has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, to safe reproductive choices, and high-quality health care.

Significant changes in the organization

IPAS opened offices in Bangladesh and Sierra Leone in 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPAS contributes regularly through advocacy and research to the work of the United Nations regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights. It is involved in United Nations bodies, special procedures, and commissions that deal with those issues. Among other contributions, IPAS's participation includes a submission to the 2010 High-level Segment about gender equality and women's empowerment through improved maternal health; a statement to the Annual Ministerial Review for the 2011 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment; and a report about women's access to safe abortion care to inform the 2012 Report on successes in achieving United Nations Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPAS participated, actively in all sessions of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) in New York, during which it submitted oral and written statements. IPAS delivered a keynote address on global reproductive health challenges during the Commission's 44th Session in April 2012. IPAS also attended the 54th, 55th, and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York in 2010, 2011, and 2013 and provided oral and written submissions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IPAS contributed to United Nations country review processes through numerous shadow letters and oral statements to various treaty monitoring bodies and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process. Among others, IPAS submitted statements, presentations, and guidance to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in 2013 and the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2012. In 2011, IPAS contributed submissions about effective practices in eliminating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity in response to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Note Verbale.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Given that unsafe abortion is a leading cause of maternal mortality (13% globally), IPAS' work to expand access to safe and legal abortion directly contributes to the realization of MDG 5, Target 6.

15. Mamta — Health Institute for Mother and Child

Special, 1998

Introduction

MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child (MAMTA) has been working in Tigri slums of South Delhi, India, on issues related to maternal and child health since 1990. It has achieved a leading position in India and is currently implementing programmes with more than 350 partner organizations in 19 states of India and in Bangladesh and Nepal.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MAMTA works to empower the underserved and marginalized individuals and communities through gender sensitive participatory processes for achieving optimal and sustainable health and development by implementing projects through evidence-based programming, capacity-building, advocacy, and networking.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MAMTA's national and regional work on capacity-building of civil society and governments, such as the National Training Program (NTP) for health professionals and its advocacy work for the inclusion of Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) components into the National Rural Health Mission, has significantly contributed to sustainable health and development and corresponds with several of the MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MAMTA participated in the 2013 annual meetings of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland, as a member of the Regional Expert Group on Pre-conception Care for the South-East Asia Regional Office of the of the Civil Society Reference Group on HIV, HIV/AIDS department.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, MAMTA was actively engaged in the development of a "Regional Framework to End Child Marriage" for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation with support from a number of United Nations agencies in South Asia.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MAMTA has implemented 36 programmes on improving reproductive and sexual health of young people in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. improving maternal and child health services and livelihood opportunities for Women. Additionally, MAMTA undertook important capacity-building initiatives towards MDGs 5 and 6 in South and Southeast Asia by conducting international and national training programmes on mainstreaming sexual and reproductive health and rights with the support of the WHO, national governments and United Nations bodies.



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1. Asociación Habitat Pro

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Habitat Pro Association (Habitat Pro) is a Peruvian civil organization whose mission is to study the habitat and the natural and human resources in order to improve the quality of life of populations affected by poverty and extreme poverty.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Habitat Pro seeks to improve the quality of life of the indigenous peoples of the coastal areas, the Andes and the rain forest, as well as the urban communities, who suffer from social and economic discrimination. Habitat Pro works within the framework of the agenda of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It works for the rights of the Indigenous Peoples; for cultural and natural biodiversity; and to end discrimination against woman and gender inequality in the workplace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Habitat Pro has developed sustainable development projects with fishermen and peasants of the peoples of Mochica Chimú and Huanchaco, La Libertad Department, Peru.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Habitat Pro has attended the 11th and 12th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 7-18 May 2012 and 20-31 May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

2. Medical Aid for Palestinians

Special, 2002

Introduction

Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) works for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees. It delivers health and medical care to those worst affected by conflict, occupation, and displacement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MAP's work focuses on health development and emergency preparedness and response in Lebanon and the State of Palestine. Working in partnership with local health providers and hospitals, MAP addresses a wide range of health issues and challenges faced by Palestinians. To achieve sustainable improvements in health, MAP works directly with communities by building local capacity and working with households to address gaps in health services. MAP ensures its ability to respond rapidly and effectively to humanitarian crises and conflict situations through offices located in Beirut, Lebanon, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Ramallah and Gaza City, State of Palestine.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In accordance with the United Nations' goal for the advancement of women and sustainable development, MAP offers health and empowerment sessions for women across Lebanon and the State of Palestine to advance women's ownership of their own health and that of their family and community.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the State of Palestine, MAP shares information with the United Nations Access Team and actively participates in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) logistics working group. MAP is an active member of the United Nations Health Cluster. In the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, MAP raises awareness of United Nations procedures and programmes with Parliamentarians and the public.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MAP has a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). In its work with Maternal and Child Health (MCH) in the refugee camps of Lebanon, MAP works alongside and offers trainings to the staff of UNRWA to maximize MCH service provision at the community, primary and tertiary levels.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has contributed to the following MDGs:

- MDGs 1 and 4: In partnership with Ard El Insan (AEI) in Gaza, State of Palestine, MAP has launched a nutrition project which provides medication, supplements, and food items to malnourished children.
- MDG 3: MAP has partnered with Najdeh Association to tackle violence against women in the camp environment. The project identifies practical solutions for the protection of survivors and their children.
- MDGs 4 and 5: MAP and its partner Al Juzoor run the first systematic primary health care training for health professionals working with children in the West

Bank, State of Palestine. In 2010-2011, MAP provided nursing support to more than 3,400 beneficiaries, with more than 18,000 visits to Palestinian refugee women and their infants across camps in Lebanon.

3. Medico International

Special, 2002

Introduction

Medico International (Medico) is a medical relief, development, and human rights organization, whose general objective is the improvement of health conditions in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. It focuses in particular on situations of emergency and poverty, working with refugees and victims of war.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Medico provides financial and technical support to health related projects of grass-root initiatives, local NGOs, and governmental departments. Medico is also dedicated to advocacy and human rights campaigns; and hosts international conferences and workshops.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Medico has contributed to the flood relief response since 2010 in the Sindh Province in Pakistan by comprehensively rebuilding five villages. Moreover, Medico has supported the programmes of the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) by creating a health care system in the State of Palestine. Since 2011, Medico has supported the Kamukunji Paralegal Trust in its mission to advance respect of civil and health rights in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. As a member of the international research network GO4Health, Medico has worked on proposals for new health-related Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Medico attended the 16th, 19th and 22nd Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in support of a resolution on human rights abuses and war crimes in Sri Lanka, Geneva, Switzerland, 11-13 March 2011, 18-21 March 2012 and 10-13 March 2013. It also participated in all of the sessions of the World Health Organization's (WHO) World Health Assembly and the WHO Executive Board meetings from 2010-2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Medico has cooperated with United Nations bodies in the following countries:

- Afghanistan: Medico has supported and cooperated with the implementation of the Mine Action Program of Afghanistan (MAPA) since 2006;

- Algeria: Medico led capacity training for health personnel of the Saharawi Refugee camps in close cooperation with all United Nations bodies present in the camps since 2011;
- State of Palestine: Medico signed a memoranda of understanding with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) regarding the provision of health services by mobile clinics; and
- Haiti: Medico participated in the Haiti Health Cluster led by the WHO; and coordinated activities with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 2010-2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Many projects of the organization relate to and support the MDGs but do not specifically single out particular targets.

4. Movimiento Manuela Ramos

Special, 2006

Introduction

Movimiento Manuela Ramos (MMR) is a Peruvian feminist non-profit organization working to improve the situation and position of women.

Aims and purposes of the organization:

MMR aims to promote the exercise of full citizenship and the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exclusion of women. MMR carries out advocacy, leads trainings, and conducts research. It also works in defence of legal, economic, social, reproductive and political rights of women from different cultures in Peru.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's core mandate is based on the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Prior to the 20th anniversary of the Cairo Conference on Population and Development in 2013, MMR organized various meetings and evaluation events between 2010 and 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MMR attended the 11th Latin America and Caribbean Regional Conference on Women, organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in Brasilia, Brazil, in 2010. It also participated in the First Regional Conference on Population and Development (Cairo+20), organized by ECLAC, in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 2013, where MMR contributed to the Montevideo Consensus.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MMR collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on several projects on sexual and reproductive rights in Peru between 2009 and 2011. It also worked with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) on the prevention and treatment of gender-based violence and on women's unpaid work and historical inequalities in Peru.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MMR worked primarily toward MDGs 3 and 5. The following results were achieved during the reporting period:

- 85,896 women were incorporated in the credit system for women entrepreneurs and trained through educational sessions in 2010, 2011 and 2013;
- MMR presented Bill 268-2011-JNE, a legislative initiative for an electoral gender quota for women in all electoral processes;
- 8,867 women were treated during medical and sexual and reproductive health consultations, and 6,434 women had access to preventive examinations in 2010 and 2013;
- 2,469 training and counselling sessions for women on family planning and provision of contraception were conducted; and
- 974 orientation sessions were led on adolescent sexuality and contraception in 2010.

5. National Coordinator for Human Rights

Special, 1998

Introduction

Established in 1985, the National Coordinator for Human Rights (CNDDHH) contributes to developing a culture of human rights and peace in Peru.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CNDDHH aims to help develop a culture of human rights and peace in the country; place human rights issues on the public agenda; and work for the consolidation of a democratic institution. To do so, CNDDHH follows the principles of non-violence, independence from state and political parties, defence of the right to life, and the rejection of death penalty.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the work of the United Nations through:

- Capacity-building and civil society strengthening, in particular for people affected during internal armed conflicts, students, unions, indigenous peoples and human rights organizations across the country;
- Advocacy work, by promoting amendments to national laws so as to better meet international human right standards; and
- Strategic litigation, primarily in the areas of transitional justice, rights of indigenous peoples, and criminalization of protest.
- During the period covered by this report, CNDDHH has mobilized civil society nationwide and co-organized workshops with the government of Peru for the development of the National Human Rights Plan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the elaboration of alternative reports submitted to the Committee against Torture in 2012 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. CNDDHH also sent urgent communications on attacks against human right defenders in 2012, resulting in joint letters to the Peruvian government (A/HRC/26/36/Add.2, A/HRC/25/55/Add.3, A/HRC/24/41/Add.4, A/HRC/19/55/Add.2).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has maintained a close relationship with the regional representative of the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR), in particular by providing information on the national human rights situation. In 2013, the organization provided meals to people participating in a seminar organized by the regional office of the OHCHR.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CNDDHH's activities have an indubitable link to the MDGs in the areas of gender equality and environmental sustainability. The organization flags the impact on women of the extractive activities and the criminalization of social protest. The National Coordinator for Human Rights also promotes the participation of women in decision-making regarding the use of natural resources and indigenous lands.

6. Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement

Special consultative status: 2010

Introduction

The Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement (OHDEOD) works to improve and develop the quality of life and environment of indigent men and orphan children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OHDEOD seeks to provide social structure for men, women and children who have become indigent as a result of war, theft or other hostile acts and to improve their health status, diet and life expectancy. To achieve this, OHDEOD works at the national, regional and international level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

OHDEOD actively contributes to the United Nations vision of the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

OHDEOD works actively with United Nations entities including UNFCCC and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The day-to-day work of OHDEOD includes projects aimed at improving maternal health; reducing infant mortality; promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women; environmental preservation; eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; and promoting primary education for all. Finally, OHDEOD is working to establish a global partnership for development with French associations.

7. Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini

Special, 2006

Introduction

Over the last 3 decades, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (Prabodhini) has developed into a leading institution catering to the leadership capabilities in several walks of life, including elected representatives, activists, and civil servants.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Prabodhini aims to assist, establish and manage educational institutions and the integrated development of social services, social sciences and social workers. Prabodhini helps its beneficiaries through assistance with research activities, including the publication of books, periodicals, and other literature, and the organization of lectures, seminars, debates, conferences and symposia on matters of public importance.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Prabodhini conducts or assists with surveys and research and study projects on issues of importance to the United Nations, including voluntary activism, leadership development, democracy, human rights, economic welfare, ecology and environmental issues, rural and forest development, and welfare of tribal and other marginalised classes. In 2012, when the United Nations celebrated the International year of Cooperatives, Prabodhini, in co-operation with Sahakar Bharati and the Government of Madhya Pradesh, India, organized an international conference on the theme of "Social and Economic Change through Cooperation", which was attended by 400 delegates from 18 countries. On 5-7 November 2011, Prabodhini co-organized a Symposium on "Grassroots protection of Minorities in South-East Asian Countries" with the Global Human Rights Defence Organisation from the Netherlands and 25 human rights activists from India, Nepal, and Bangladesh.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Prabodhini submitted a written statement on the subject of women empowerment during the substantive session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in New York, 28 June-1 July 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Toward MDG 3, the Centre for Institution Building and Leadership Studies of Prabodhini conducted the trainers' training programme "Cause I am a Girl" in 2012, targeting girls in schools aged 10-16 years old. On 23-25 March 2011, Prabodhini co-organized a workshop on 'Welfare of Women and Children' and 'Role of a Corporator', toward MDGs 4 and 5.

8. Rehabilitation International**Special, 1978****Introduction**

Rehabilitation International (RI) has been a major force in the field of disability rights since its establishment in 1922 and has consistently worked to reverse the discriminatory practices that exclude and devalue people with disabilities. RI is a global network of grassroots organizations with membership in 103 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RI aims to promote the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities; the prevention of causes of disability; and the rehabilitation and equalisation of

opportunities of persons with disabilities and their families. RI provides an open forum for the exchange of information and research, as well as a platform for advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RI has consistently engaged in promoting signature, ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) at international, regional and national levels. It launched a Global Advocacy Campaign to create information resources on the CRPD and its implementation, documenting and sharing examples of good practices; promote disability rights and inclusion through advocacy; conduct research at a national level; and prepare recommendations on disability legislation. United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was the special guest at the opening of RI's 22nd World Congress held from 29 October to 2 November 2012 in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RI has participated in the following meetings:

- the annual Conferences of States Parties to the CRPD in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013;
- the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), during which it held parallel events to highlight the issues relating to women and girls with disabilities; and
- the High-level Meeting on Disability and Development, 23 September 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

RI was a member of the Editorial Committee for the World Report on Disability of the World Health Organization (WHO) and participated in its launching on 11 June 2013 at the United Nations in New York. The organization participated in the Panel on Leadership of Women with Disabilities organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) as a side event in the 2012 Conference of State Parties to the CRPD. Furthermore, it participated in the Panel on Including Youth with Disabilities, organized by DESA and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

RI implemented the project "Building the Capacities of Women with Disabilities in India: Promoting the Right to Health and Employment" benefiting women in the States of Orissa, Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal in India, toward the achievement of MDG 3.

9. Rooftops Canada

Special, 2006

Introduction

Rooftops Canada is the international development programme of two national and four provincial cooperative and social housing organizations in Canada. These organizations own and manage over 650,000 not-for-profit housing units in Canada.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Rooftops Canada works with partner organizations to improve housing conditions, build sustainable communities, and develop a shared vision of equitable global development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Rooftops Canada has worked in the following areas:

- It has worked with not-for profit housing organizations, cooperatives, NGOs, and local and national governments in Sub-Saharan Africa to promote and implement the Habitat Agenda adopted at the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in Istanbul, Turkey, in 1996. It achieves that goal through building local capacity to acquire land and build housing and sustainable communities using housing microfinance.
- It develops and promotes a better understanding of the relationship between HIV/AIDS and housing policy, programme, and project level responses in the region.
- It integrates livelihoods activities, particularly those related to urban food security in housing and human settlements programmes and projects in the region.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Rooftops Canada participated in the 5th and 6th Habitat World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Naples, Italy, in 2010 and 2012. It also took part in the United Nations Habitat Governing Council meetings in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Rooftops Canada maintained an ongoing working relationship with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Housing and Slum Upgrading Branch. It participated in the final international jury of its Urban Revitalization of Mass Housing International Competition.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Toward MDG 7, the organization has provided access to secure tenure and/or core housing with basic infrastructure for over 3,000 families in Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe since 2011. It worked on mainstreaming understanding and responses to HIV/AIDS in housing organizations and other African partner organizations for MDG 6. Finally, since April 2011, its programming in Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe has had an estimated total economic impact of \$54.6 million creating over 7,000 person years of employment.

10. Saviya Development Foundation

Special, 1998

Introduction

Saviya Development Foundation (SDF) has been working since 1991 on issues related to poverty alleviation, environment conservation, human rights, community health care, HIV/AIDS prevention, youth empowerment, micro finance, enterprise development, and rehabilitation of the differently abled.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SDF aims at improving equal opportunities in the communities to achieve economic, health, and social wellbeing through, inter alia, the provision of information; technical and financial assistance; educational training; and conflict, disease and disaster prevention.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SDF contributes to the work of the United Nations through building strong communities for sustainable development. It has commemorated the World Day to combat drought and desertification and raised awareness on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification at the community level. SDF annually commemorates the International Disability day and operates four residential centres for persons with disabilities. Moreover, SDF undertakes trainings and provides services for women and people with HIV and runs outreach programmes to reduce stigma and discrimination.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010-2011, SDF coordinated a civil society empowerment programme to promote democracy with assistance of the United Nations Democracy Fund. SDF was supported by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on a project to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS among drug users in countries of the South

Asian Association for Regional Cooperation between 2009 and 2010. Moreover, SDF is an active member organization in the United Nations' Sri Lanka Programme for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Toward MDG 1, SDF provided vocational training and small loans to create enterprises to 870 small groups with limited access to employment. It also developed a programme to prevent the spread of HIV through raising awareness, counselling, and delivering services.

11. Sinha Institute of Medical Science and Technology

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Sinha Institute of Medical Science and Technology (SIMST) was founded to promote the educational and scientific development of society, economic growth and general welfare of the poor.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SIMST aims to contribute to research in the field of medicine on diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer, as well as other human health related problems. It seeks to achieve its goal through the establishment and maintenance of Educational, Scientific and Research Institutes, as well as through research, publications, lectures, seminars, and field surveys.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SIMST contributes to the work of the United Nations by raising awareness and conducting research to counter various major diseases. SIMST has maintained free consultancy services on cardiovascular disease, the number one killer disease in the world, in Tamluk, West Bengal, India, since 2012. It has also provided poor people with access to medicine. Moreover, SIMST counters diabetes and cancer through free diagnosis and the administration of medication for economically disadvantaged people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked toward MDG 1 by providing free medicine to the poor. For MDG 2, SIMST opened a primary school for street children that provides free primary education, as well as nutrition and learning materials. The organization also conducts medical research on hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, cancer, and kidney disease. In its work, SIMST collaborates with researchers, towards the development of a global partnership for development.

12. Social Development Center

Special, 2010

Introduction

Established in 1996, the Social Development Center (SDC) is a leading centre for the promotion of self-reliance and positive contributions to society through the economic empowerment of families in Qatar.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SDC aims to enhance the role of family members, especially youth and women, in improving the socio-economic situation of their family. SDC therefore provides trainings for youth and economically disadvantaged people to enhance their chances on the labour market and conducts research on social issues to promote social norms and values.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SDC contributes to the work of the United Nations through their focus on economic and social development, women empowerment, and poverty alleviation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SDC participated in several United Nations meetings and contributed to the post 2015 process through a brief statement on behalf of Qatar.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

SDC cooperated closely with the regional office of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in establishing a training centre for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Moreover, SDC has a working relationship with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked toward poverty eradication, full and productive employment, and women empowerment through:

- economic empowerment measures such as micro entrepreneurship and economic generating activities;
- the establishment of a big incubation centre for entrepreneurs; and
- the provision of job opportunities for women.

13. Third World Network — Africa

Special, 2010

Introduction

Third World Network-Africa (TWN-Africa) is a Pan-African research and advocacy organization which works for economic and social equity in Africa and for an equitable place for Africa in the global order. TWN-Africa's current programme covers trade and investment policy; African regional integration; mining and development; gender and economic policy; and finance and development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

TWN-Africa's central mission is to conduct research and advocacy on strategic development issues facing Africa and to facilitate the organization and expression of African civil society on these issues. TWN-Africa focuses on improving quality of policy analysis and constituency mobilization in Africa for the attainment of desirable policy outcomes. TWN-Africa's main intervention strategies are through networking, capacity building, and research and knowledge generation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

TWN-Africa collaborated with United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in organizing a high level symposium on Africa's integration process at the World Social Forum. It served as an expert at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) High-level Experts Conference on Development, April 2011. In collaboration with the Ghana National Development Planning Commission and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), TWN-Africa organized a National Stakeholder Consultation in Ghana on the Post-2015 Development Agenda in March 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

TWN-Africa participated to United Nations meetings in the following ways:

- It presented at the 5th Joint Annual Meeting of the African Union/UNECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 2012;
- It acted as member of the International Steering Group for civil society organizations towards UNCTAD XIII in Doha, Qatar, April 2012;
- It acted as key note speaker on Options and Alternatives for Regional Finance at the 3rd UNCTAD public forum, June 2012; and

- It organized a session on Africa's post-2015 development priorities at the 4th UNCTAD Public Forum, June 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

TWN-Africa together with the UNECA, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the African Union Commission (AUC), developed policy documents on the Africa Mining Vision and established the Africa Minerals Development Centre (AMDC). TWN-Africa served on the Civil Society Advisory Committee to the UNDP Administrator between 2011 and 2013. In February 2013, TWN-Africa, UNDP, and the United Nations Millennium Campaign jointly organized a meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Africa's structural transformation agenda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

TWN-Africa has consistently contributed to the development and progress of the United Nations post 2015 agenda. TWN-Africa participated in a meeting entitled "Advancing the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda" in March 2013 in Germany, which adopted an agenda for the post 2015 discourse. In November 2013, it took part in a conference organized by the UNECA, UNDP and the African Development Bank on regional integration.

14. Vikas Samiti

Special, 2006

Introduction

Vikas Samiti (VS) works for job security, social justice and equity among all since 1995.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VS aims to achieve a empowered society, in which every person has job security. VS promotes energy saving activities and activities of water preservation, soil conservation, agro diversity and the installation of food preservation facilities. VS also works on self-help-groups; provides trainings for income-generating opportunities; and secures health and hygiene practices among the community to achieve sustainable community-based development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

VS conducted a targeted intervention project for control and prevention of HIV/AIDS to 805 female sex workers. It provided them with information, material, and counselling on safer sex practices and established support and treatment for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

VS also observed important United Nations days, such as World AIDS Day, the International Women's Day, and the Universal Children's Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

SV has collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the "Child environment, sanitation, hygiene and water supply" project in the villages of Chhindwara and Bichchua Dist-Chhindwara, State of Madhya Pradesh, India.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked mainly toward MDGs 1 and 3, with a microfinance project for poor families targeted at women: it conducted a baseline survey, a needs assessment of the families, and trainings for 5,450 women, which lifted 2,050 families above the poverty line. VS also worked toward combatting HIV/AIDS, as described above.

15. Womankind Worldwide

Special, 1998

Introduction

Founded in 1989, Womankind Worldwide is an international women's rights organization based in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Its vision is of a fair world where women have equal rights, choices and opportunities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Womankind's mission is to work in partnership with women's rights organizations to transform women's lives and communities; end violence against women and girls; and increase women's civil and political participation and equal access and control over economic resources. Womankind works through long-term partnerships and solidarity with its autonomously registered partner organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America, to develop content specific approaches and support capacity-building sustainably.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Womankind's work is rooted in international human rights standards, in particular the Beijing Platform for Action, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR1325) and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and is committed to their full

implementation. To that end, womankind has produced a Women's Rights Advocacy Toolkit, developed in collaboration with local partners in 2011. It has also hosted and chaired the Gender Action for Peace and Security network, which advocates for a national Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, based on UNSCR1325.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of Womankind and its partner organizations attended all sessions of the Commission for the Status of Women (CSW) between 2010 and 2013. It organized parallel events in 2010, 2012 and 2013. Womankind also attended the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's (UN Women) Global Review of National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security in 2013. Womankind prepared and presented information on financing for women's rights organizations, and advised on the shape and remit of UN Women's "Global study on the implementation of resolution 1325".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Womankind cooperates with UN Women. Since 2013, Womankind has been involved in the preparation of the Global Review of UNSCR1325.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, Womankind has contributed significantly to the implementation of MDG 3 through:

- Supporting 22,300 women in Zimbabwe to live free from violence through legal aid, counselling and shelter;
- Training 2,000 people in Uganda to raise awareness about violence against women, reaching a further 17,000 people;
- Training 2,600 women in Nepal for increased participation in regional political processes; and
- Reaching 1 million women and girls in Zambia by raising awareness on women's rights through radio, drama and community meetings.



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1. AIESEC International

Special, 2007

Introduction

AIESEC is the world's largest youth-led organization operating in over 126 countries and territories. Currently it counts over 70,000 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIESEC was founded at the end of World War II with the vision of achieving peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential through responsible and entrepreneurial young leaders. The organization develops talented and proactive youth into globally-minded and responsible leaders by offering them the opportunity to participate in global internships, social impact projects, and entrepreneurial internships and projects. It partners with over 2,600 universities and 8,000 organizations across the globe to achieve its goal.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, AIESEC has contributed to numerous United Nations campaigns, including MyWorld survey, #YouthNow campaign, and Live Below the Line. In September 2014 it launched the biggest yet YouthSpeak survey, which gathered opinions of over 42,000 millennials on the topic of transition between education and employment. Through its professional and volunteer internship programmes, the organization mobilised young people to raise awareness about and tackle numerous global issues, many of which are connected to the MDGs. For example, in 2014, 459 Canadian volunteers went to Asia and South America to teach English. AIESEC counts 25 organizations working to promote entrepreneurship and start-up culture in Serbia. AIESEC's Middle Eastern and North African chapters are creating projects to increase youth's work skills. In Rwanda, it worked on financial education and inclusion by promoting the culture of savings among children and youth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Some of the events attended by AIESEC during the reporting period include the following:

- First Global Forum on Youth Policies, Baku, Azerbaijan, 2014;
- The Asker Conference on Youth and Governance Global Citizen Festival, Norway, 18 December 2014;
- Youth 21: Building for Change!, Nairobi, Kenya, 15-18 March 2012;
- Social Good Summit, New York, 21-22 September 2014; and
- Various side events during the 69th General Assembly, New York, 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIESEC cooperates at a national, regional, and global level with the United Nations Youth Envoy's Office, United Nations Millennium Campaign, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), among others.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AIESEC works towards the MDGs through its volunteer and professional internship programmes. Its programmes address all the MDGs. Of approximately 100,000 volunteer experiences delivered by AIESEC during the reporting period, 34.26% of them were dedicated to literacy; 21.26% to cultural understanding; 11.76% to economic growth; 7.76% to health and lifestyle; 7.58% to career development; 6.51% to human rights; and 5.1% to the environment.

2. Akina Mama Wa Afrika

Special, 1999

Introduction

Founded in 1985, Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA) is an International Pan African NGO.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMwA creates space for African women to organize autonomously; network with each other; share skills and expertise; identify issues of concern; and speak for themselves. AMwA's activities are based on three pillars: feminist leadership development; feminist research and documentation; and advocacy and policy influence.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its Feminist Leadership Development programme, the African Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI), AMwA strengthened African women's leadership capacities on various thematic areas that included long term forced migration, women in politics, decision making, and economic justice. The leadership institutes supported approximately 120 African women from East, West and Southern Africa. A documentary featuring AMwA's contribution to strengthening African women's voices was produced and disseminated, serving as an advocacy tool for validating women's rights and empowerment. Working with partners, AMwA championed causes of African women at different platforms advocating for policy and/or reforms and implementation of laws.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AMWA supported the African Women's Caucus during the 57th and 58th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, in 2013 and 2014. It also contributed to written and position statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Together with partners, AMWA spoke for African women during the Post-2015 discussions by engaging in strategic forums, including the 6th and 8th Open Working Group meetings, Women's Major Group advocacy platforms, and African Women's Regional Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Consultations on the Post-2015 Agenda in Monrovia, Liberia, that resulted in an African Women's communiqué detailing African women's key points for inclusion in the Agenda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. All-Russian Society of the Deaf/All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities

Special, 2007

Introduction

All-Russian Society of the Deaf All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities was founded in 1926 in the Russian Federation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of the organization is to express and protect the rights and interests of Russian citizens with hearing impairments and promote their social rehabilitation and integration into society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provides assistance and support to approximately 230,000 people with hearing impairments throughout 89 regions of Russia. In 2011, it participated in the work of the 18th General Assembly of the World Federation of the Deaf and the 16th World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf in Durban, South Africa. In 2014, the organization participated in the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the 2nd International Conference "Linguistic Rights of the Deaf", held in Moscow, Russia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization made a presentation during the 19th regular Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland, 1 March 2012. It took part in

an interactive debate on work and employment of persons with disabilities in the framework of the 22nd Session of the HRC, Geneva, Switzerland, 6 March 2013. It also participated in the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, 6 March 2013, and the Seventh Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 10-12 June 2014, both held in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in various activities and seminars held at the Information Center of the United Nations in Moscow, Russia.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. American Correctional Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

Founded in 1870, the American Correctional Association (ACA) is the oldest and largest professional correctional organization in the world. ACA represents all disciplines within the corrections profession, and its more than 19,000 members include practitioners working in juvenile and adult prisons and jails, halfway houses, treatment facilities, probation, parole and community corrections agencies, as well as academics in the field and other concerned citizens.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACA promotes excellence in corrections by offering professional development and certification, online training, standards and accreditation, and research and publications.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, ACA has significantly expanded its scope throughout the world. In particular, it has worked to improve the conditions of correctional facilities in the Middle East and Mexico.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In August 2012, ACA and its members reaffirmed a resolution "In Support of the United Nations Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Offenders", wherein they resolved to recognize and appreciate the contributions of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules to the universal development of more humane and effective correctional systems and the ongoing development of ACA standards.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACA reaffirmed a resolution in support of the Mandela Rules during the reporting period.

5. Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia**Special, 2007****Introduction**

The Foundation for Children with Leukemia (LOSEV) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit public benefit organization based in Ankara, Turkey, that serves at the national level. Every year approximately 1,500 children are newly diagnosed with childhood leukaemia in Turkey.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LOSEV aims to provide educational and emotional support, financial assistance, and health services for children with leukaemia or chronic blood disorders. Other goals are to promote knowledge and provide instruction on an international level regarding acquired and inherited blood diseases, as well as to establish and operate research institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization believes in the importance of sharing experience and ideas while it strives to create solutions against the increase of cancer incidences nationally and worldwide. During the reporting period, the organization conducted visits to organizations in nearby countries working on the same cause, to share experiences and knowledge. Moreover, LOSEV established a platform, Social Platform against Cancer (SPAC), which allows all institutions, foundations, hospitals, doctors, and patients dealing with cancer to share their experiences, events, and medical and social news.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

LOSEV is in contact with the United Nations International Children's Fund's (UNICEF) Office and United Nations representatives in Turkey, as well as the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LOSEV has been supporting cancer patients who are economically deprived by assisting them financially, contributing to MDG 1. It also provided aid packages containing food, clothing, hygienic material, as well as medicine and household products. Moreover, LOSEV worked towards global partnership through its visits to former Soviet nations' organizations working on the same cause.

6. Association of Third World Studies

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) was founded in 1983 in the United States of America. It is the largest professional organization of its kind in the world with global membership and chapters in South Asia and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was founded to provide an international structure for the humane and scientific study of issues and problems faced by people living in the Third World, with the ultimate goal of improving their quality of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ATWS participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, major conferences, and other United Nations meetings, such as meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), all Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as well as several meetings of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Many members of ATWS engaged in academic research that is relevant to one or more of the MDGs. This research was disseminated through conferences, publications in the Journal of Third World Studies, or through the members' work. Some of the research conducted and presented by members of the Association during the reporting period include, among others:

- "Technological education for women as a tool of upward social mobility, with a particular reference to the Middle East", by Taysir Nashif;
- "Towards the sustenance of democracy in Nigeria", by Ojefia Akpomedaye Innocent;
- "Vietnam's globalization effort generated growth with poverty that requires a national poverty reduction program", by Robert L. Curry, Jr. and Tran Thi Ut; and
- "Lifestyle and disease and economic development: The case of Nauru and Kiribati", by Philip I. Szmedra and K.L. Sharma.

7. Center for International Health and Cooperation

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Center for International Health and Cooperation (CIHC), founded in 1992, promotes healing and peace in countries shattered by natural disaster, armed conflicts, and other violence.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through intensive, holistic, and multidisciplinary training courses, CIHC aims to advance the methods and framework by which humanitarian professionals operate. CIHC also contributes to and advances discussions about current humanitarian issues through its partnerships with humanitarian and development organizations, wide range of publications, and regularly updated communication platforms.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIHC provides mission-critical education, training, and research to humanitarian aid professionals including those drawn from United Nations agencies including United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIHC has attended meetings organized in preparation of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), crisis briefings organized by United Nations agencies, and various meetings with United Nations agencies staff.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CIHC worked closely with various United Nations agencies to organize trainings and publish books related to humanitarian affairs. Hundreds of CIHC

alumni are currently working in United Nations entities and agencies as well as NGOs that collaborate with the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As one of the leaders in the field of humanitarian training, CIHC contributes to the development of better practices in the humanitarian sector, many aspects of which directly relate to the MDGs. CIHC provides education about the MDGs as well as the post-2015 strategies.

8. Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC) Nigeria is an independent, non-governmental and not-for-profit organization established in 1996.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's works to promote and protect human rights and women's rights, gender equality, and good governance in Nigeria through the empowerment of civil society and the promotion of access to justice and rule of law.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIRDDOC, in collaboration with Affirmative Action Initiative for Women, and with support from Voices for Change, has been working on the domestication of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) through the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill. In collaboration with Child Protection Network and United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), it is advocating for the passage of the Child's Rights bill to domesticate the United Nations Children's Convention in Enugu State. The Violence against the Persons Prohibition (VAPP) bill was passed into law after 13 years of advocacy efforts. CIRDDOC also implemented a project from the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) titled "Women's Property and Inheritance Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIRDDOC has participated in the sessions of CEDAW since 2012 and in all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during the reporting period. CIRDDOC was also represented at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)/UNICEF International Conference on Female Genital Mutilation in Rome, Italy, 22-25 October 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CIRDDOC has collaborated with UNFPA, UN Women, and UNICEF to implement several projects, as elaborated above. In 2014, CIRDDOC, with support from UNFPA, organized a High-level Forum on "Promoting Girl Child Education and Abandonment of Female Genital Mutation towards Increased Access to Reproductive Health and Rights". With support from UNFPA and UNICEF, the organization constituted Technical Working Committees on Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting in two states.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Apart from observing the International Women's Day annually, CIRDDOC also partnered with Christian Aid and UK Aid on a project titled "Increasing Participation and Representation of Women in Decision Making Structures". CIRDDOC is also working with Ipas on Reproductive Health.

9. Council of American Overseas Research Centers

Special, 1999

Introduction

Founded in 1981, the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) is a private non-profit federation of independent overseas research centers that promotes advanced research, particularly in the humanities and social sciences, with a focus on the conservation and recording of cultural heritage and the understanding and interpretation of modern societies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAORC fosters research projects across national boundaries, encourages collaborative research and programmatic and administrative coherence among member centers, and works to expand their resource base and service capacity. CAORC member centers maintain a permanent presence in the host countries where they operate — in Europe, Latin America, the Near and Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and West Africa. The centers are the primary vehicle through which American scholars carry out research vital to the understanding of and intersection with other cultures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CAORC works primarily with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) on issues pertaining to the exploration, documentation, and preservation of cultural heritage resources around the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborates with UNESCO and ICOMOS as mentioned above.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. Foundation for Ecological Security

Special, 2007

Introduction

Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) works towards the conservation of nature and natural resources through the collective action of local communities. Presently FES' work spreads across six eco-regions of India, reaching 3.98 million people in 30 districts, across eight states.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Working from a systems perspective, FES' efforts are aimed at three fundamental dimensions of rural life: ecological restoration, local governance, and livelihoods.

Significant changes in the organization

FES' scale of operations increased significantly. From 1 million people in 2011, the organization reached out to almost 4 million in 2014. FES initiated activities and set up project teams in the states of Maharashtra and the North Eastern Region, India.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FES contributed to "Conservation Across Landscapes: India's Approaches to Biodiversity Governance", a publication by the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). FES was one of the lead contributors to the joint MoEF/UNDP publication of a mapping directory on the Community Conserved Areas of Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Under the Indian Biodiversity Information System, FES launched portals on birds, mammals and flora to provide resource rich, state-of-the-art, species information.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FES participated in an expert group meeting organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Indicators for collective tenure rights/Community land and resource rights in Gland, Switzerland, 3-5 December 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FES continued to collaborate with UNDP's Global Environment Fund (GEF) Small Grants Programme on Strengthening Conservation and Livelihoods in and around the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Southern Aravalis, Rajasthan, as well as on The Commons Campaign in Rajasthan. The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) commissioned a film on FES, which was released at the 11th Conference of the Parties to UNCCD awards ceremony, held in Namibia, September 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As a member of the International Land Coalition, FES played a key role in influencing the inclusion of 'Community land' as a distinct indicator from a general reference to land indicators in the Zero Draft of the Post-2015 Agenda on Community Land Rights.

Additional Information

FES received the "Land for Life Award" by UNCCD in 2013 for its sustainable land management, empowering communities to take ownership of their local land, mobilising communities at a large scale, and influencing policy.

11. Freedom House

Special, 1995

Introduction

Freedom House was founded in 1941 in New York City, United States of America. It is an independent watchdog organization dedicated to the expansion of freedom and democracy around the world. It counts offices in a dozen countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Freedom House acts as a catalyst for greater political rights and civil liberties through a combination of analysis, advocacy, and action. Its research and analysis frame the policy debate in the United States and abroad on the progress and decline of freedom. It vigorously opposes dictators and oppression and amplifies the voices of those struggling for freedom in repressive societies. It also works to empower frontline human rights defenders and civic activists to uphold fundamental rights and to advance democratic change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Freedom House's annual research and publications provide country-specific information on fundamental human rights, which are used around the world by journalists, academics, policymakers, NGOs, and representatives of governments and multi-lateral organizations, including the United Nations. Its publications

include Freedom of the World, an annual survey on the state of political rights and civil liberties in every country in the world; Freedom of the Press, a global survey of media independence that covers trends in media freedom; and Freedom on the Net, a comprehensive, comparative, and numerically based index for analysing internet freedom.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Freedom House assisted civil society delegations to attend several regular and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva, Switzerland, during the reporting period. In 2014, Freedom House supported participation of civil society delegations from several African countries in UPR sessions and/or sessions focused on their respective countries. In 2014, it assisted representatives to attend the 26th regular Session of the HRC and conducted a side panel event on the topic of human rights in Ukraine. Freedom House supported representatives from Ukraine to attend the 22nd, 24th and 27th regular session of the HRC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Freedom House conducted several meetings with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' (OHCHR) in Geneva, New York City and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to discuss the situation in Ethiopia, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Swaziland. The United Nations Office of the Secretary General met with Freedom House to discuss the situation in Sudan. In 2013 and 2014 Freedom House briefed a number of Special Rapporteurs on countries including Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya. Freedom House's work also included briefings for the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) staff on the situation in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Freedom House's programmatic work supported an enabling environment for civil society. It has worked closely with many women's human rights organization globally, in support of MDG 3. In 2014, Freedom House supported women human rights defenders to attend the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York.

12. Fundación Salvadoreña para el Desarrollo Económico y Social

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES) is a private non-profit organization founded in 1983 by a group of independent entrepreneurs and professionals to improve El Salvador's economic and social development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization carries out activities aimed at increasing economic, social, intellectual, and physical well-being of El Salvador's population, as well as its security, under the framework of a system of economic and individual freedom. It conducts research, studies, and analyses to generate public policy recommendations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FUSADES organized three forums for policy analysis to raise the level of political debate in El Salvador and Central America and strengthen representative democracy. It published several reports, including the following: "Mechanisms to strengthen representative democracy" (2011); "Political aspects of modernization of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal" (2012); and "Residential Vote: Progress and Challenges" (2014). FUSADES continued to promote transparency by monitoring the right of access to public information and the operation of public institutions in charge of managing public funds. Also, it conducted public audits of democratic institutions; monitored the operation of the judiciary and appointment and independence of judges; and analysed the constitutionality of laws.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) to build a strategy to help overcome the lack of information on children and adolescents and to pay particular attention to deprivations, exclusions, inequities, and vulnerabilities that affect them. As a member of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Technical Committee of Multidimensional Poverty, FUSADES participated in forums on food security with the World Food Programme (WFP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook actions locally to improve lives of communities and help eradicate poverty, including projects that increase income levels, crop quality, and yields of small farmers. Participants' incomes exceeded the extreme poverty line and established profitable and sustainable economic units for their families. FUSADES also supported young micro entrepreneurs in the food processing sector through trainings. Finally, it participated in consultation forums on the MDGs and the post-2015 development agenda.

13. Geneva International Model United Nations

Special consultative status: 2007

Introduction

Geneva International Model United Nations (GIMUN) is an NGO run entirely by students and created in 1999.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are to promote United Nations values within the student community and to provide practical experience to supplement students' theoretical training.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GIMUN helps to make the work of the United Nations better known within the student community, not only by organizing events dealing with major international issues that the United Nations deals with, but also by annually organizing a "Model United Nations": a simulation of the United Nations that provides a convenient and rewarding experience to students wishing to train in multilateral diplomacy. The simulation brings together more than 250 students from different backgrounds at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, GIMUN organized a study trip to Greece in 2014 to discuss the theme of migration to Europe. Also in 2014, GIMUN gave 25 students the opportunity to visit many international organizations having their headquarters in Geneva. Finally, GIMUN attempts to actively develop partnerships with student associations at other Swiss and foreign universities in order to make the broadest possible audience aware of the importance of the work done by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GIMUN offers students interested in monitoring the daily life of the United Nations the chance to attend many conferences and meetings organized by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. The students then write an article on the issue dealt with at the conference, which is published online on the blog "UNO, You Know?"

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Under its "Youth Perspectives" project, GIMUN has submitted a written recommendation to the Commission on Science and Technology. The purpose of the recommendation was to present the views of young people from over 20 different countries on strategic approaches for the post-2015 Agenda as well as digital development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GIMUN has not conducted any field initiatives relating to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. It has, however, helped raise young people's awareness of all matters relating to development and initiated discussions on the post-2015 Agenda within the student community.

14. Gibh Varta Manch

Special, 2011

Introduction

Gibh Varta Manch is a registered social organization working since 1993 on various sectors of society, particularly on children and woman's welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to help and support society as a whole, so it can realise its dreams.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Gish Varta Manch has conducted free medical camps and educational seminars, ladies' empowerment programmes, seminars, social and national integrity programmes and aid programmes for blind students, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization focuses particularly on health and gender equality. It works whole-heartedly to prevent child marriages.

15. Global Action on Aging

Special, 2003

Introduction

Global Action on Aging (GAA), founded in 1994, is based in New York City, United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GAA reports on older people's needs and potential within the global economy and advocates with and for older people worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

GAA moved its headquarters office in 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization played a leading role in the work of NGOs on aging issues at United Nations headquarters throughout the reporting period. GAA led the NGO Committee on Aging, which involved carrying out research with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and disseminating information on the organization's website about initiatives worldwide on the issue of aging. The organization sponsored receptions, round tables, side events, and other activities at the United Nations during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During every year of the reporting period, Global Action on Aging participated actively in the Commission on Social Development (CSocD), the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the International Day of Older Persons and the Open-Ended Working Group of the General Assembly on the Human Rights of Older Persons that met on April and August 2011 and August 2012. GAA spoke on many occasions in these fora as well as during side events, receptions, and other occasions connected with these meetings. GAA took part in an Expert Group Meeting organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) in May 2012. The organization also contributed to informing international NGOs about United Nations meetings through its website and list-serv.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Global Action on Aging worked cooperatively with the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, CSocD, CSW, UNHCHR, UNFPA and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs' (DESA) Focal Point on Aging, to promote understanding between delegations and civil society on aging issues. This work included the promotion of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging, the promotion of human rights for older persons, the promotion of the rights of older women, work on international data disaggregation, and efforts to move towards a broader approach in the context of the MDGs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GAA worked in particular to support the advancement of MDGs 1, 2, 3 and 4 — each of which has special significance for older persons and their well-being. GAA conducted research on poverty, gender issues, health care, and social integration in terms of promoting and advancing the rights and conditions of life of the elderly.